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Exercise Program Management: Colorado Department of Emergency Management's Electronic Exercise Calendar Updates

PRACTICE

The Colorado Division of Emergency Management (CDEM) sends out periodic electronic exercise calendar updates to local and regional exercise personnel. These updates include information on exercise and training opportunities and encourage officials to inform CDEM of their upcoming exercises.

DESCRIPTION

CDEM observed that many regional and local emergency managers in Colorado have limited funding and resources to meet exercise program requirements and to train staff. In June 2006, the agency began sending out periodic updates that briefly describe upcoming training and exercise events. The updates list exercises scheduled for the next several months as well as some expected exercises beyond that time frame. The CDEM distributes the updates through a listserv that includes all regional emergency managers, county emergency management personnel from all 64 counties in Colorado, representatives from the National Guard, and other active exercise personnel.

CDEM's updates enable local emergency managers to identify opportunities for cross-jurisdictional exercise opportunities. This enhances exercise effectiveness and eases the burden on individual jurisdictions. CDEM also encourages listserv members to provide updates on additional regional and local exercises.

CITATIONS

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